IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Original) A packaging apparatus, comprising: a charging device for charging a granular object having adsorption ability into a storage bag having an open end;

an air removing device for expelling air from the storage bag into which the granular object has been charged; and

a sealing device for sealing the open end of the storage bag from which the air has been expelled;

wherein the sealing device is actuated with a slight delay after the air has been expelled from the storage bag by the air removing device.

2. (Original) The packaging apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the storage bag is formed by sealing a tube transversely.

3. (As Amended) The packaging apparatus of Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the air removing device pinches the storage bag, into which the granular object has been charged, to expel air therefrom.

4. (As Amended) The packaging apparatus of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the granular object having adsorption ability is spherical adsorptive carbon.

5. (As Amended) The packaging apparatus of Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, further comprising a heating device for heating the granular object before the storage bag is sealed.

6. (Original) A packaging apparatus, comprising: a sealing device for sealing a tube transversely at a first position;

a charging device for charging a granular object into the tube sealed at the first position; and

a pinching device for pinching the tube into which the granular object has been charged,

wherein the tube is sealed transversely at a second position opposite the first position with respect to the pinched part; and

wherein the sealing device is actuated with a slight delay after the pinching device has been actuated.

7 (Original) The packaging apparatus of Claim 6, further comprising: a first driving mechanism for driving the pinching device;

a second driving mechanism different from the first driving mechanism for driving the sealing device; and

a control unit for controlling the driving of the first driving mechanism and the second driving mechanism.

8. (As Amended) The packaging apparatus of Claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein a face for pinching the tube is elastic and of a shape corresponding to a shape of tube containing the granular object.

9. (As Amended) A measuring and packaging apparatus for measuring and packaging a granular object comprising:

a packaging apparatus of Claim 1 ~~any one of Claims 1 to 8~~; and

a measuring device for measuring the granular object to be supplied to the packaging apparatus.

10. (Original) A method for producing a package, comprising the steps of: supplying a granular object to the measuring and packaging apparatus according to Claim 9;

measuring the granular object with the measuring device; and

packaging the measured granular object with the packaging apparatus.

11. (New) The packaging apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the air removing device pinches the storage bag, into which the granular object has been charged, to expel air therefrom.

12. (New) The packaging apparatus of Claim 2, wherein the granular object having adsorption ability is spherical adsorptive carbon.

13. (New) The packaging apparatus of Claim 3, wherein the granular object having adsorption ability is spherical adsorptive carbon.

14. (New) The packaging apparatus of Claim 2, further comprising a heating device for heating the granular object before the storage bag is sealed.

15. (New) The packaging apparatus of Claim 4, further comprising a heating device for heating the granular object before the storage bag is sealed.

16. (New) The packaging apparatus of Claim 7, wherein a face for pinching the tube is elastic and of a shape corresponding to a shape of tube containing the granular object.

17. (New) A measuring and packaging apparatus for measuring and packaging a granular object comprising:

a packaging apparatus of Claim 4; and

a measuring device for measuring the granular object to be supplied to the packaging apparatus.

18. (New) A measuring and packaging apparatus for measuring and packaging a granular object comprising:

a packaging apparatus of Claim 6; and

a measuring device for measuring the granular object to be supplied to the packaging apparatus.

19. (New) A method for producing a package, comprising the steps of: supplying a granular object to the measuring and packaging apparatus according to Claim 17;

measuring the granular object with the measuring device; and

packaging the measured granular object with the packaging apparatus.

20. (New) A method for producing a package, comprising the steps of: supplying a granular object to the measuring and packaging apparatus according to Claim 18;

measuring the granular object with the measuring device; and

packaging the measured granular object with the packaging apparatus.